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BIG POINT ITEMS.

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J. D. CLARK,
C. J. BRODERS,
VOLNEY BROWN,
Relief Committee

Business is improving in our town.
The farmers have harvested their crops.
Pickets and boards seem to be plentiful.
Some people go to church to see who else is
there—others go to gather saddle strings.
Our deputy sheriff, R. A. Roberts, lost a
buggy whip while attending a dance at the
residence of our hustling turpentine mer-
chant, Mr. Joseph Walter. We suppose some
unknown person got it by sleight o' hand.
Boys, you must know the nature of your
girl's father before you try to escort her home,
as some fathers are in the habit of meeting
young men and turning them back.

MARINE.



OFFICE DEMOCRAT-STAR,
Scranton, Miss., Nov. 12, 1897.
(Report for week ending Nov. 11, 1897.)

ENTERED.

- Nov. 5. Am. sch. Rita One, 80 tons, Randall,
from Coatzacoalcas, Mexico.
- Nov. 6. Ger. bk Wilhelm Link, 642 tons, Witt,
from Santos.
- Nov. 6. Brit. brig Estella, 270 tons, O'Neil,
from Vera Cruz.
- Nov. 10. Am. sch. L. N. Dantzier, 118 tons,
Strenge, from Key West.

CLEARED.

- Nov. 9. Brit. sch. Walter Sumner, 147 tons,
for Manzanilla, Cuba, by L. N. Dant-
zier Lumber Co. with 125,837 feet
lumber, value \$495.

Barker visited the Cres-
week.

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business visit Thursday.

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senting Mercantile Co., of
s in town.

at arrivals: Sid Douglas
ight, Mobih; E. M. Val
zsonmons, New Orleans;
Biloxi.

trying to spring up another
in couched terms against an-
the fever in the near future
ions may be for their dire
we are at a loss to find.

press charges of \$100 are reported.

Private schools have been in opera-
tion the past month, and the public
see no good reason why nothing is
heard of the public school opening.

May it not be in order for the custo-
dians of the charity funds sent to this
place, to report to the public, and do-
nors in particular, the disposition
made of such contributions.

Twenty thousand cases of our "pre-
vailing fever" in San Antonio, Texas,
and proportionately in other Texas
towns; all without "x-spurts," lawless
quarantines, murderous shotguns or
senseless panics. What a difference!

Dr. E. R. Bragg has been released
from Marine Hospital Service by the
healthfulness of Scranton, and return-
ed home on Monday to the great grat-
ification of the masses that have proof
of his ability to cure their many ills.
When taken sick with the fever on
August 21st, he had treated some 300
cases without losing a patient by that
disease.

A delightful musicale was recently
given at the pleasant home of Mr.
and Mrs. Geo. W. Davis. Amongst
the guests who spent a pleasant even-
ing were: Rev. N. Keft Smith and
daughter, Miss Nellie, Dr. and Mrs.
O. L. Bailey, Misses Florence and
Maud Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. A. C.
Gottsche and son, Misses Susie Smith,
Mae, Sadie, Mamie and Georgia Davis

Last Tuesday afternoon Marcellus
Reus, a youth of 17 years and a grand-
son of Mr. Joseph Bellande met with a
painful accident. He jumped on a
moving L. & N. freight train and fell
and was seriously injured about the
body and head. Dr. O. L. Bailey at-
tended his injuries. Marcellus is a
wild lad and was in the act of stealing
a ride to New Orleans.

Citizens held a mass meeting Tues-
day night, Maj. F. M. Weed, chairman
and Mr. Jos. B. Garrard, secretary. It
was moved that all quarantine be re-
moved from all articles excepting dry
goods and furniture. All persons are
permitted to enter our town with
health certificates showing that they
have not been in any infected place
for five days.

Mayor T. W. Grayson has furnished
us with the following complete list of
the funds received here for the relief
of the poor and indigent sick:

Col. J. B. Rose, Chicago,	\$500 00
Claiborne Co. Howard Assn.	20 00
Indiana. No name	10
Commercial Appeal, Memphis	162.64
Jos. A. Magnus & Co., Cincinnati,	10 00
Fruit Importers Union, New York,	25 boxes lemons.

The installation of the officers of
Ocean Springs Fire Company No. 1
took place Saturday night last at



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The Democrat-Star

THE CUBAN LUMBER TRADE.

The Lumber Trade Journal has the following to say of the lumber trade of Cuba and its importance to the lumber industry of the Gulf Coast:

"Probably no branch of American industry will feel the effects of peace in Cuba to a greater extent than the lumber trade. She has always been an important buyer of American lumber, probably aggregating 100,000,000 superficial feet in annual purchases. Two years of internecine war has destroyed as much property as several years will suffice to rebuild. Railroads, of which Cuba has about 1,000 miles, will have to be practically rebuilt. Sugar houses, plantations, towns, bridges, and even cities, have been devastated or allowed to decay. The mere process of replacing that which has gone to destruction will consume a vast amount of material. But that is not all. A peaceful state of affairs in Cuba will attract an amount of outside capital and immigration hardly realized at the present moment. She is one of the garden spots of the earth, and under a stable government would present opportunities for the creation of wealth almost unequalled anywhere in the world. Such a development would consume even more material than the replacing of what has been lost. It would also require new men and new money, things which always electrify the commercial life of any community. The Journal estimates that in the event here referred to Cuba will require at least 300,000,000 feet of lumber each year for some years to come. This estimate is a moderate one, as it represents a total of barely 200 feet per capita, while this country uses over 500 feet. This stock will come mainly from the Gulf ports and will consist largely of common grades of yellow pine. It can be readily seen what effect the withdrawal of 300,000,000 feet of merchantable yellow pine would have upon the lumber industry of the Gulf. It would strengthen export prices to every market in the world and put life into domestic trade. It would suffice to remove any possible surplus and would thus put the mills in a strong and independent position."

BROAD TIRES

Steamer

"THE OAK,"

WILL LEAVE

SCRANTON FOR MOBILE

every THURSDAY at 9 a. m., leaving

MOBILE

on return trip at 5 a. m. SATURDAY.

Freight received at Taylor's (Gulf City Coal Co.) wharf. Through freight over the Mobile & Ohio R. R. at M. & O. Wharf. Freight delivered at Foster's Wharf, Scranton, free of wharfage, at \$1.25 per ton in lots of 1000 lbs and upwards.

Fare to Mobile and return \$1.50. Checks good for 30 days. Will leave NEW ORLEANS every WEDNESDAY at 6 a. m. Freight received at Howard street, New Basin, 8 a. m. up to 4 p. m. Tuesday. Freight rates \$1.50 per ton in lots as above.

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Pascagoula, Miss., March 11, 1898.

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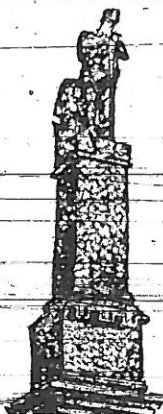
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March 12, 1898.



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Mr. C. H. Wood visited Basin this week on legal business.

Mr. H. K. Denny and family moved recently to Louisville, Ky.

Mrs J. C. Laurendine has been elected principal of the Moss Point public school.

Capt. W. L. Pinder is rapidly recovering from a severe cold contracted while at sea.

The Hypathean Society will meet to-night at the residence of Dr. W. R. Thomposon.

Capt. Geo. C. Southard and family are enjoying the comforts of their pretty home here.

Rev. G. W. Johnson, colored, will preach at the camp grounds Sunday night to a mixed audience.

School is still increasing and everything points to one of the most successful sessions of its history.

Mr. W. W. Syfan, of Pensacola, who represents the North Pitch Pine Lumber Co., is here doing business for his firm.

Lienhard Blumer returned this week, after spending four weeks at Stafford Springs, much benefitted in health.

Last Sunday the home and hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Broome were made happy by the arrival of a lovely baby girl.

The Young Folks' Union met last Thursday night at the home of Miss Isabel Lienhard. There was a good attendance.

Mr. Alf. Dantzler made a flying trip over to Mississippi City Sunday afternoon, returning that night. How is she, Alf?

Mr. E. Gaines, of the Atlantic Coast and Export C., of Jacksonville, Fla., is in town looking after the shipment of a cargo of lumber.

Messrs. Ecka and Airey Evans and Ollie Cowan say they have decided to wait awhile before going to the University. That's right, boys, don't be in a hurry.

Miss Lyll Morris returned Sunday from a two week's visit to Ocean Springs, where she says she had a pleasant stay. Some of our boys say that two weeks seemed an age.

L. Vigouroux invites his patrons and the public to call at his new oyster stand on corner of Foundry road and Main street. Oysters delivered anywhere in town at 25c a hundred. Coffee, fried and stewed oysters. Reasonable prices.

ALL ORDERS left at Champion Livery Stable, Scranton, or D. A. Walters' stable, Pascagoula, will be promptly attended to.

April 1 1898.

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AUTUMN AT PASCAGOULA.

PASCAGOULA, Miss., Sept. 21, 1898.

September has so far been a very turbulent month, bringing death and desolation to many a locality, but leaving Pascagoula ~~intact~~ and everybody there as well as ever, though some a little frightened by the moaning winds, and others trenched by the incessant rains of the last few days.

Some apprehension is felt here about the safety of the schooner Harold C. McCarthy, Capt. G. I. Hawley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who left this port on the 7th inst., accompanied out to sea by all the boarders at the Cottage-by-the-Sea and some outside ladies and gentlemen, on the tug Leo.

Last Sunday another small party went out on the tug Chicago to the Norwegian bark Borghild, the staunchest and neatest vessel of its kind that ever visited this port. They were royally entertained by her genial Captain Erickson, who recently came from Natal, Africa, and is now loading here for Rosario, Brazil. His elegant cabin is a little museum of rare curiosities and articles of virtue gathered in all parts of the world.

To-day the sun is on the equator, bringing spring to the southern and autumn to the northern hemisphere, drawing the waters of the ocean and the vapors of the atmosphere to the equatorial regions of our earth and sending tropical cyclones to the north and south.

At last the sun is breaking through the clouds again scattering them in all directions, but storm signals are still up, and according to Hicks the present equinoctial storm will not subside until the 28th inst, soon to be followed by another storm period in the first week of October.

The many friends of Capt. Chas. Boster will be sorry to learn that he is again confined to his room by sickness.

The schooner Estella, Capt. G. Buskin, of Moss Point, is all ready to sail with a cargo of lumber for Bueno Ayres, and two other three-masters and a large English steamship, the Isleworth, McNabb, master, are loading here.

A CRITICAL TIME

During the Battle of Santiago.

STAY AD WELL A DUGH

Sep 28, 1898 Pas Democrat

ingebard and his pretty daughter
 it here last Saturday for their home
 Orleans, taking with them Miriam and
 Dean to their mother who is there
 in the meshes of the new quarantine
 is temporarily engaged at the Par-
 set Parlors, 112 Bourbon street.

Erickson, of the Norwegian bark
 returned from a visit to Mobile, and
 again at the Cottage-by-the-Sea.
 uskin, of the Estella and Capt. Nees-
 the Norwegian bark Birma are also
 t awaiting favorable winds to take
 to sea, both being loaded for Buenos

ly regular boarders remaining at the
 by-the-Sea now are Mrs. Lavigne
 two daughters and one son, from New
 Joe Wymer and Lawrence Justin on
 from the Second Regiment, Louisi-
 anteers encamped at Jacksonville, Fla.

signals were up again Monday an-
 z a storm in the central gulf and
 sterly winds, which have not yet
 this beach, where all is quiet and
 this moment.

WILL NOT BE HELD.

VAN CLEAVE, MISS., Sept. 28, 1898.
 Democrat-Star.
 e announce that the New Pros-
 amp meeting, will not be held
 ar 1898. Yours truly,
 L. R. ROBERTS,
 Preacher in Charge.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

ASHORE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.			
on, at Poplarville.....	Oct.	1, 2	
at Columbia.....		8, 9	
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at Purais.....		22, 23	
at Salem.....	Tuesday.....	Nov.	1
at Red Hill.....	Thursday.....		3
at Scranton, at O. S. Sat.			5
at Saturday night and Sunday.....			6
at Bay St. Louis, Mon.			7
at Logtown, at L. Tues.			8
at Galloway.....		12, 13	
at Salem.....		14, 15	
at Zion.....		19, 20	
at station.....	Sunday, 7:30		20
at Whittington.....		21	
at St. John's.....		22	
at Good Hope.....		26	
at Bethel.....		28	
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ould be well to remember that
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 excellent medicine and especially
 le throat and lung diseases.
 cure a severe cold in less time
 y other treatment. For sale
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the Mayor and board of aldermen ap-
 pointed R. A. Switzer, W. S. Van-
 cleave and E. M. Westbrook to serve
 as commissioners of the municipal
 election to be held in December.

The temporary cemetery associa-
 tion of Ocean Springs met at the Fire-
 men's Hall Monday at 4 p. m., and
 earnestly discussed plans for immedi-
 ate work. There should be a full re-
 presentation of our citizens at the
 next meeting, Monday, Oct. 3rd.

Mrs. C. Wolff and daughter, Miss
 Lou, expect to take their departure
 for Boston, via Washington, Saturday
 at 10:30 p. m. Mrs Wolff's daughters,
 Misses Fernanda and Minna, are
 pleasantly situated in Boston, and the
 re-union will be productive of much
 happiness. This well known family
 will be much missed by the citizens
 of Ocean Springs.

MARINE.



OFFICE DEMOCRAT-STAR,
 Scranton, Miss., Sept. 30, 1898.
 [Report for week ending Sept. 29, 1898.]

ENTERED.	
Sept. 25.	Brit. sch. Iolanthe, Sparr, 393 tons, from Matanzas, Cuba.
Sept. 25.	Am. sch. Eleanor, New, 31 tons, from Lagonia, Mexico.
Sept. 26.	Am. sch. B. W. Moser, Newberry, 440 tons, from Key West.

CLEARED.	
Sept. 26.	Brit. bkne. Estella, Buskin, for Colon, Col. with 238,596 feet lumber, value \$2,147.35.
Sept. 26.	Brit. steamship Acon, Hewn, for Hon- flean, Franco, with 1,865,766 feet lum- ber, value \$22,114.48.
Sept. 26.	Am. sch. Edward W. Young, Faman, for Fall River, Mass., with 319,493 feet lumber.

Rules Governing Water-Carriage Freight
From New Orleans.

1. The name of all vessels in this trade must be on file in this office.
2. The crews of these vessels must be immune to yellow fever, proofs of which must be on file in this office either as certificate from physician or affidavit.
2. Each member of the crew must have a recent picture of himself, having on back thereof name, age and height. This is to be used as a means of identification and must be kept on board for use at inspection station.
4. Disinfection of vessels, crew and cargo will be in the hands of United States Marine Hospital Service and will be done either at point of departure or at the draw bridges.

By order of the Mississippi State Board of Health.
 H. H. POLKES, M. D.,
 Coast Sanitary Inspector, United States

the public to eat at its new stand
 stand on corner of Foundry road at
 Main street. Oysters delivered an-
 where in town at 25c a hundred. Co-
 fee, fried and stewed oysters. Rea-
 sonable prices. 30-4t

The little misses of the acaden
 are to give an entertainment one nigh
 soon at the residence of Prof. Hatle-
 tad. They are to charge a small a-
 mittance fee which is to be expend-
 in the purchase of a tennis set. Th-
 is a nice move for the little folks, a-
 lets all go to the "show," thereby en-
 couraging them in their work.

Master Willie Stewart and Mess-
 W. T. Pate and Ollie Cowan went
 Friday afternoon to hunt squirrels
 Howell's swamp. They returned Sa-
 urday afternoon with sixteen litt-
 fellows, which they say they killed
 by themselves.

We wonder what is the object
 the new club, technically called
 "G. T. C." They say the initiati-
 into it is something rich, rare a-
 racy, and one of those things to
 felt but not seen or explained. U-
 derstand, though, that it is strictly
 girls "shooten match."

Prayer meeting at the Presbyteri-
 church seems to be neglected, as th-
 has been none there in two or thr-
 weeks. Out of the large membersh-
 surely some one ought to come o-
 and conduct the meetings. Let's
 come out next Wednesday night a-
 there will be prayer and singlog—d-
 wait for the preacher.

The charming and popular M-
 Lila Singleton left Monday night f-
 Abbeville, La., where she will e-
 gage in teaching. Miss Singleton du-
 ing her stay here made many war-
 friends, and she will be universal-
 missed. It is to be hoped that sh-
 will again brighten our town by h-
 presence after her school is out.

Our reporter called at the residen-
 of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Burton Tue-
 day morning and was hospitably e-
 tained by the talented lady of t-
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 played in brilliant colors. The fan
 but delicious perfume wafted from
 folds disclosed many a secret pla-
 or light and happy situation
 held in the hand of the courtier
 who had been in vogue. The fan
 The short visit will be a pleasant
 in the memory of all.

work in De Witt, Arkansas.

Miss Louise Vable is home again at Herman Nill's, after a protracted visit to the Crescent City.

Mrs. Caddie Lowd has settled in Mobile and will, we hope, do well there and be enabled to raise and educate her children.

Mrs. Ressequet and daughter and Miss Kopp, of New Orleans are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Tardy.

The many flag poles from which float the stars and stripes, to be seen at private residences indicate the unwaning patriotism of our citizens.

Mrs. E. R. Bragg and little Miss Mary left for New York Tuesday. At Scranton they were joined by Mrs. Scott Denny and Master Albert.

Mr. S. G. Ramsay and daughters, Misses Ida and Dora, visited Ocean friends last week. Miss Ida was also a visitor to Mobile.

The "donkey party" given by Miss Eliza Ames in honor of her niece, Miss Geraldine Ames, was heartily enjoyed by the young people in attendance.

Little Miss Blanche Rosambeau celebrated her sixth birthday most pleasantly the 14th day of this month. Many happy returns of the day to the little lady.

Mrs. George Rice and little Miss Ethel are the guests of Mrs. J. M. Boyd, of the Anchorage. Mr. Rice, after a pleasant visit to them, returned to New Orleans Monday.

Shanahan House arrivals: A. D. Kern, L. Keller, W. T. Hoog, Jr., N. R. and F. B. Freeland. Mrs. Wm. Kern, Sam J. De Lerno, S. McCubbin, Miss Gertrude H. Kern, Misses Laura and Annie Keller, W. Michler, of New Orleans, D. A. Davidson, Chicago, O. G. Harden, Louisville.

There was a family reunion at the lovely home of Bishop John Keener last week, the Rev. John Keener, wife and daughter, of Alabama, and Rev. Sam Keener and wife, of New Orleans, were the guests of their reverend parents.

Rev. John Keener, Jr., preached an able sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., at the Methodist church. He has warm friends and admirers here, the home of his boyhood.

Ocean Springs Hotel arrivals: Lucien Landry, W. P. Bergen, Miss Sue Murphy, Dr. C. J. Landfried, of New Orleans, Mrs. Samuel Browne, A. J. Turner and wife, Mobile; P. H. Bond, Detroit; G. T. Cappleman, Okolona, Miss.

Stephen McCubbin, N. R. and F. B. Freeland, of New Orleans, were visitors to Ocean Springs Sunday, attracted by the presence of the accomplished young lady from the same city at the Shanahan House. Maybe there

morning to attend the funeral at Newton, Miss.

Messrs. W. Fred Herrin and J. W. Stewart, representing the local lodge Knights of Honor, went to Jackson, Miss., the first of the week to attend the annual meeting of that popular society.

Mrs. W. L. Pinder and guest, Miss Frankie Barrus, are home again from a pleasant visit to Mobile, accompanied by little Miss Aline Pinder, who has been sojourning in the Gulf City some fifteen months.

The many friends of that successful navigator, Capt. W. L. Pinder, will be pleased to learn that the captain, who is so well known in Havana, arrived at that place with a cargo of provisions from Key West a few days ago.

The following vessels are loading at the O'Leary mill this week: Millie Williams with 100,000 feet of lumber for Vera Cruz; Brig Estella, 250,000 feet for Colon; Schooner Asa C. Stowell, 350,000 feet for Gardenas, Denny & Co., shippers.

One of the pleasant social events of the summer was the lawn party tendered Rev. D. O. Byers at the Presbyterian parsonage on Friday evening last by the Little Workers of the Presbyterian church. Nearly, if not every family in the church was represented. The affair netted \$40.

Much to the regret of the entire community, Rev. D. O. Byers and family took their departure for Jackson, La., Thursday afternoon. The good will of the community go with them. [N. B.] Since the above was put in type Mr. Byers was taken sick with fever, and is not expected to be able to leave for his new home before Monday.

Vicksburg Dispatch, Aug. 23d: Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Dantzler, Jr., arrived last night from a trip through Colorado and the West. Mrs. Dantzler, who was Miss Bessie Hunt, will remain in the city several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Dr. Hunt. Mr. Dantzler left on the early train for his home.

Mrs. E. Bloomfield and beautiful little daughter, Miss Ethel Irene, passed a few days away from their home in Pass Christian the guests of Mrs. Bloomfield's sister, Mrs. John Washington, thence to New Orleans, where they enjoyed a couple of delightful days, returning rested and happy on Monday.

The marriage of Miss Emily Favre to Mr. William Rudolf, of Liverpool, England, will take place on Sept. 20th at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Favre, "Home Place" Pearlinton, Miss. Immediately after the ceremony the couple will leave for a tour of Europe for six months. The wedding will be a quiet affair. Their future home will be at

hearts will thrill with joy and our peace will flow as

Summer complaint, dia and cholera infantum in c promptly cured by Ch: Colic, Cholera and Diarrho: It is the means of saving many children each year, by Scranton Pparmacy. n

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April 1 1898.

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Frankie Banks named Postmaster
1899 - Howell Post Office - Linnie A. Ward
named Postmaster
1899 - Three Rivers Post Office - Samuel H.
Shannon named Postmaster

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P. K. Mayers, Editor,

(Extract from 1899 issues.)

The Democrat-Star, July, August, September 1899

[Official]

CHANCERY COURT- AUGUST TERM 1899

The following is the proceedings of the Chancery court held hereon Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. All acts of clerk in vacation confirmed.

-J. I. Ford, surviving partner, vs. Jerry Cook; confirming commissioner's report.

-John J. Egan vs. Jeff Egan, dismissed as to heirs of Richard Egan...?... as to the other defendants.

-W. J. Brewton vs. Mead Brothers: allowing amendments to bill and 10 days to answer.

-Ong Hiller Co. Ltd. vs. John O. Grisham; 60 days to answer.

-Guardianship Lyman and Clyde Herring; allowing annual account.

-Estate of E. T. Rogers by J. W. Stewart, exr.: confirming report of auditor allowing claim of Geo. L. Rogers, etc.

-Guardianship of Lillie Morris, et al; annual accounts allowed.

-Joseph Weikel vs. John O'Brien, et al: 60 days to answer.

-Estate of E. Bloomfield by J. W. Griffin and H. Bloomfield, executors; final account allowed and executors discharged.

-Guardianship of Irene and Ethel Bloomfield; allowing maintenance and annual account.

-Mary E. Edwards vs. James D. Edwards, et al; confirming report of commissioner.

-J. E. Armor, et al vs. M. J. McRae, et al; confirming report of commissioner in selling part of lands.

-Laura M. Tucker, et al vs. Mrs. Isabella Williams; confirming report of commissioner.

-Mrs. Josephine Ames vs. Gertrude R. Gillum; report of sale of lands confirmed conditionally.

-Scranton State Bank vs. W. L. Whittich & Co., et al; overruling motion for pro confesso and leave to answer in 10 days.

-A. M. Griffin vs. E. H. Nall; final decree.

-In the matter of the guardianship of Charles T. Torjusen; approving annual account and authorizing loan of money.

-Estate of M. G. Buskin, deceased, by J. W. Stewart, administrator; allowing annual account, inventory and maintenance.

-State of Mississippi vs. Peter Bang, et al; overruling demurrer and appeal granted.

-W. N. Bolton, administrator vs. Owen & Margison; continued on application of and at cost of complainant.

-Last will of Joseph J. Parker deceased; admitted to probate.

-Guardianship of Amoree Sidenstriker, by E. Mon, guardian; annual account and maintenance allowed.

-Guardianship of Lillie and Thos. F. Cochran, minors; annual account and maintenance allowed.

-Guardianship of John L. Morris, a minor; final account allowed and guardian discharged.

-Guardianship of Singleton and Erastus P. McInnis; final account of A. S. and A. P. Denny, sureties on guardian, allowed.

-Lewis Tanner vs. Dorothy Finch, commissioner directed to pay certain monies to minors.

-Estate of John Chastant by A. F. Chastant, administrator; allowing claim of administrator and support for widow.

-Last will and testament of Mrs. Martha Gary, deceased; probating will.

-In matter of the estate of H. M. Plummer, deceased, by E. Stetson, executor; approving action of administrator in disposing of personal property and first annual account.

-In the matter of the estate of T. S. Ford, deceased, by T. B. Ford, executor, first final account allowed.

-Guardianship of T. Sedgewick Ford et al, by T. B. Ford, guardian; approving loan of money; report of administrator and first annual account.

-Estate of May A. Plummer, deceased, by E. Stetson, administrator; allowing first annual account and continued on application of administrator to transfer certain monies.

-Guardianship of Francis B., Edith and Anna H. Plummer minors; allowing report of administrator.

-Guardianship of Bertha Ehlers et al; by E. A. Suthoff, guardian; allowing annual account.

-Guardianship of Mabel Ward, by M. M. Evans, guardian; allowing annual account.

-J. P. Dancer, et al, vs. Geo. W. Dancer, et al; 10 days leave to answer.

-Lizzie M. Shannon vs. Lucy I. Shannon;

The Democrat-Star, March 10, 1899

Brig Estella's Captain & Crew Drowned Only Four Survive

News has been received here from Vera Cruz, that the **brig, Estella, Capt. G. Buskin** master, who cleared some time in January with lumber from **W. Denny & Co.**, was struck by a gale on February 12th somewhere on the Mexican coast and turned bottom up. Four of the crew escaped by taking refuge on the bottom of the vessel and lived for 10 days in this perilous condition upon birds which happened to alight within their reach. The remainder of the crew, including the Captain, were asleep at the time of the accident and perished. **Capt. Ruskin's wife and children** live in our midst, and have the deep sympathy of the entire community.

The Democrat-Star, January 20, 1899

A MYSTERY OF THE DEEP.

The Naptha Yacht Paul Jones Disappears in the Mississippi Sound.

The **Yacht Paul Jones**, which left Louisville, Ky., Dec. 7th, with a pleasure party of prominent society people, bound for Pensacola, Fla., and other ports in southern waters, has disappeared somewhere in the gulf of Mexico.

The party consisted of **Col. H. C. Yocum** and daughter, **Miss Florence Yocum**, **G. M. Yocum** of St. Louis, **Miss Florence Taggart**, daughter of **Mayor Thos. Taggart**, of Indianapolis and **Miss Margaret Woodland**, of Chicago.

The last heard of the yacht was when it left the mouth of the Mississippi river, on Jan. 3d. The cruise of the **Paul Jones** was to have lasted until next June. The yacht is owned by **Mr. Lawrence Jones**, the well-known distiller, is 60 feet long, 25 feet beam, electric lighted throughout, and contained every appointment for a pleasant cruise. She was in charge of **Capt. Sturtevant**, one of the best known mariners in the country. The Secretary of the Treasury has ordered the revenue cutters along the coast to search for the missing yacht.

Messrs. **Taggart and Jones** accompanied by **J. W. Tharp** of *Times-Democrat*, **J. C. O'Connell** of the *New York Sun* and **J. T. Burns** of the *Inter-Ocean* came from Mobile Wednesday afternoon, chartered the **tug Leo** and left here at 1:30 Thursday morning for Chandeleur Islands in search of the yacht.

Up to the hour of going to press this (Thursday) evening no further particulars were obtainable. The **Leo** returned Thursday at 1:30 with no tidings. All hope abandoned of her safety.

The Democrat-Star, January 20, 1899

Mississippi Gulf Coast Medical & Surgical Society

This society is composed of the leading physicians of the different coast towns. The principle purpose of the organization is its endeavor to prevent the introduction of contagious and infectious diseases and to aid the State board of health in arriving at the correct diagnosis of such diseases, and for the preventing of vicious retaliatory and useless quarantines. This is a matter of great interest to the coast people, and much good is expected to result from the efforts of the organization, composed as it is of the

best physicians in this section, men in whom all confidence is placed by the people of their respective towns. At the organization of the society the following officers were elected:

President **J. K. McLeod, M. D. of Moss Point**
Vice President **J. J. Washington, M. D. of Pass Christian**
Sec-Treasurer **O. L. Bailey, M. D. of Ocean Springs**

It is thought by all that the society displayed good judgement in the selection of the executive committee, which is composed of the following named physicians:

Chairman **J. J. Harry, M. D., Houndsboro**
W. R. Thompson, M. D., Moss Point
O. L. Bailey, M. D., Ocean Springs
W. T. Bolton, M. D., Biloxi
R. J. Turner, M. D., Bay St. Louis

The Democrat-Star, January 6, 1899

Scranton Local News

Mr. Jim Byrd Pickett has invested in horse flesh.

Mr. Martin Carey is the proud owner of a fast trotter

Mr. Robert F. Seymour is sporting a horse and buggy.

The grip has a large number of our people in bed.

Mr. Louis Sarrazin was a holiday visitor from New Orleans.

Mr. Columbus Dunn has returned to Scranton to remain permanently.

Mr. H. S. Rourke has improved his property on Pascagoula street and Telephone roads.

Mrs. H. S. Rourke and daughter, **Miss Alice** visited New Orleans during Christmas week.

After a Christmas visit to his old home, **Dr. C. A. Bedingfield** has returned to Scranton.

Scranton needs a first-class hotel without any "trimmings" or horizontal attachments.

Mr. W. M. Canty is placing a substantial patent cement walk in front and around his new store.

Miss Marie Louise Grant assisted at the dry goods store of **C. Nelson's** during the holiday rush.

Preaching in the **Baptist church** next Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m. and 7:15 p.m., by **Rev. Henry Bennett**. Also at Pascagoula at 3:30 p.m. Everyone invited.

Rev. P. C. Henry will hold devine services in the **Lutheran church** next Sunday at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The Christmas tree entertainment at the **Lutheran church** was on a par with those of the past - a success in every way.

Miss Laura McKibbin, after spending the holidays with **Mrs. E. Mitchell**, returned to Mobile Monday.

We acknowledge with thanks a lovely calendar for 1899 from the well-known carriage house of **Blach Bros.**, Mobile.

One night last week an attempt was made by an unknown miscreant to burn **Mr. B. D. Valverde's new bakery building**.

Messrs. **Leon Rivere** and **Frank J. Laurendine**, popular **L & N operators**, Christmased with **Mrs. J. C. Laurendine** and family.

"THE BIG HOUSE"

It was built before the Civil War by a man named Graham. He was a seafaring man and had a ship of his own. Nobody knew just what he did with that ship, but it was supposed ^{that} he was a sea-pirate. His wife was cruel to their slaves, and for many years it was believed by the townspeople that the place was "haunted" ^{and} that pots of gold were buried somewhere on the property. (In recent years, it was "holey" ground with all the digging going on.) It was "big" in every way, two and a half stories, with large rooms and wide halls and broad verandas front and back. I remember the half-circle stairs on the outside from the first to second floors. The grounds were a mass of flowers and shrubbery, under giant Live Oaks, with a winding lane from the beach to the house.

At one time, the house and grounds were used as an exclusive girls' school. The school was not successful because of financial problems.

[William and Frazine Cronier Southern]
Years after the Civil War, my parents lived in a cottage adjoining the "Big House" as caretakers.

Captain Buskin, a German seafaring man, was the owner for several years. One day, Mrs. Buskin was destroying a large portrait of herself with a hammer, crying and raving: "I don't want him to look on mine face when I'm gone." He didn't. He was lost at sea.

For a short time, a Mr. Delano (Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's relative) owned the place. It seemed he had been "exiled" by his family to overcome a drinking problem. Evidently he didn't succeed, ~~he~~ didn't stay very long.

Later, it was owned by a man named Arthur Thornton. He was a single man. He lived in the "Big House" but took his meals with his caretakers. My brother ^{Arthur Southern} was named for him. When Arthur was a baby, Mr. Thornton put a thousand dollar bill in his hand and said, "No matter what the future holds for him, he can always say he had a thousand dollars in his hand" (a lot of money in those days). Mr. Thornton was killed in an elevator accident in New Orleans.

The Pollocks, from Louisiana, acquired the place from the Thornton estate and immediately gave it an Old South aristocratic name, "Beauvoir", its first title. These people had been very wealthy in Louisiana ^{as} cotton-brokers and bankers, but for some reason ^{they} were not very rich anymore. They were aristocrats, but, fortunately for us, they were kind people and provided many happy occasions for the children of our community. The one I remember (a first for me) was Halloween.

A three year old doesn't take too well to a tall, white ghost with a lighted pumpkin on its head, especially when apples, oranges and small cabbages come flying through the front door. I was afraid of the dark and almost everything else for a long time. Another memorable occasion was a Christmas party at the "Big House". ~~at~~ Christmas trees were lighted with candles then, ~~and~~ Santa's beard caught on fire. I don't think they were as concerned about putting out the fire as keeping Santa Claus from being ~~un~~masked before a roomful of wide-eyed children.

A small, country ^[Episcopal] church was built by my father and other men in the community--on land and with materials furnished by the Pollocks--where all the children of the neighborhood were christened. One boy, I was told, had never been in a church and especially didn't like water being poured on his head. The woman holding him had to ~~put~~ her hand over his mouth to stop the string of "cuss" words aimed at the preacher.

Eventually the "Big House" became the "Longfellow House", and ~~it is~~ now a beautiful motel and restaurant, owned by a company. It has been remodeled and the grounds landscaped. Tourists are told that Longfellow wrote his poem, "The Building of the Ship", in the house. Its doubtful that he ever came near the place, but ~~it~~ makes a nice story--or legend. Longfellow wrote about far away places that he never visited. He does mention "Pascagoula's Sunny Bay" in the poem--and there's only one in the country, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Wash Frederick, a local man, acquired some property on the east side of the Longfellow House and put up a "honkey-tonk" bar and dance pavilion. His neighbor used every means available to buy him out, chase him out or make it miserable for him to stay. He named his place "The Shortfellow House". A severe hurricane (1947) completely destroyed his place. An act of God solved his neighbor's problem very well.

[sisters] Our home was just east of the Longfellow House (Pollock's house then). ~~then~~ Ollie ^{and} Floy and I were born there. Our playground was the stretch of beach from Bayou Chico to the River. I don't really feel at home until I get down on the "Beach" and look out over the sound. We were the "poor sons of the Beach" but we enjoyed it.

Louise Southern



HISTORY OF THE LONGFELLOW HOUSE

Pascagoula, Mississippi

The Longfellow House was built in 1850 by Pascagoula carpenters for Mr. and Mrs. Graham, slave traders from New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. Graham was a notorious character, and the few old people living who remember her, say her history would be better forgotten. These people are the ones who know of her cruelty to her slaves, whom she beat and kept in chains. A neighbor of Mrs. Graham's, is said to have found a runaway slave one day crawling by his fence, all beaten by his mistress' hand. Anyone doubting that the slaves in this house were ill-treated has only to look on the third story for blood stains, which still remain on the floor.

After her second marriage, Mrs. Graham continued to live in the house, shocking her neighbors by her violent temper, until about 1878 when she married again. (No one seems to know what happened to the first two husbands, but apparently they died normal deaths.) She went to Chicago with Mr. Watson, her last husband, where she was robbed and deserted by him.

From the famous Mrs. Graham the house went to Captain Muse, who did not make it his home, but rented it to various people. One of these was a Mr. Brown who professed to be responsible, respectable, and well-educated, and on these credentials opened a girl's school in the house. Most of the town's young ladies attended the school and many of them left their names scratched on the window panes of the third story, where they can be seen today. However, Mr. Brown's success was cut short when it was learned that he was a renegade priest who had joined the Episcopal Church as a minister. He was soon found out and dismissed. Of course, the young ladies withdrew from the school and Mr. Brown immediately left town owing many debts.

The ownership of the house then passed to Mr. Delano of Maine, who was as notorious as Mrs. Graham had been. Mrs. Delano was very wealthy and Mr. Delano enjoyed drinking up her interest and causing her much trouble by his spells of drunkenness. One day, a neighbor passed by and helped save the baby whom he was dangling out of one of the windows by one foot in one of his drunken sprees. Mr. Delano mortgaged most of his wife's possessions, and then the house went to Captain Buskin of Moss Point, Mississippi. Captain Buskin took over the house in 1886 and around 1888 sold it to Mrs. O'Fallen of St. Louis, Missouri. However, she never came to the house but had her nephew, Arthur Thornton of Virginia, manage the house. Some years later, Mrs. O'Fallen sold "Bellvue" to Mr. W. A. Pollock of Greenville, Mississippi, and New Orleans, Louisiana. It is interesting to know that both Captain Buskin and Mr. Thornton

he owned "Bellvue", it saw its happiest days. Mr. Pollock had moved to New Orleans where his two daughters were presented to New Orleans society and considered to be outstanding beauties of the day. After the younger daughter married, Mr. Pollock bought "Bellvue". The house, furnished with the Pollock's beautiful furniture, was the scene of many house parties made up of people from New Orleans. The two guest houses on either side of the house were usually filled with visitors. After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, Miss Pollock inherited the house, and from her it went to her sister, Mrs. Moore who sold it to Mayor Canty in 1938. It was later sold to Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation which made the Longfellow House into a famous tourist resort.

The Longfellow House is probably one of the most majestic

of the Ante-bellum homes along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Bellvue (as it was formerly called) or Longfellow House has stood on the shore of the Gulf of Mexico for over one hundred years. The above facts of history concerning it have become obscured in romance and legend and it is extremely difficult to separate the facts from fictions of the imagination.

It was shortly after the house was built that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was supposed to have visited Pascagoula and stayed at the house. There is some doubt as to whether he wrote "The Building of the Ship" at Pascagoula, but a number of our older citizens insist that he did. Be that it may, almost everyone believes that Longfellow wrote the poem here as from the line "from Pascagoula's sunny bay" in the poem's content.

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It was during the time that Mr. and Mrs. Pollock owned the house, the longest that it belonged to one family, from approximately 1902 to 1938, that the house was named "Bellvue." Mr. Pollock was a plantation owner and banker and while

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Pascagoula, MS - Historic House

Longfellow House Was Built For New Orleans Slave Trader

The Longfellow House of Pascagoula, built for New Orleans slave traders, still bears the stain of blood let by the blacks who were kept chained in third story cells in the house.

Historians say that Pascagoula carpenters constructed the ante-bellum mansion in 1850 for a Mr. and Mrs. Graham, notorious for their cruelty to the Africans they merchandised.

The blood stains, still in evidence on third story floors of the house, have resisted removal for more than 100 years, present housekeepers say.

RENEGADE

Another renegade whose stay in Longfellow House left its marks was a Mr. Brown who

kept a girl's school at the place.

Mr. Brown professed to be a well-educated, respectable and responsible individual, but when patrons discovered he was really a turn-coat priest who had joined the Episcopal Church as a minister, he was dismissed.

Before they left, however, most of the town's young ladies scratched their names on window panes of the third story. The names may be seen to this day.

Mr. Brown, by the way, left town owing many debts, so the story goes.

Two owners of the house met violent deaths; a Captain Buskin and a Mr. Thornton. Captain Buskin was lost at sea in one of his own ships, and Mr. Thornton fell down a St. Louis elevator shaft.

115 YEARS OLD

The Longfellow House is probably one of the most majestic of the Ante-bellum homes along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Formerly called Bellvue, it has stood on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico for 115 years. The facts of history concerning it have become so obscured in romance and legend, it is extremely difficult to separate the facts from figments of the imagination.

Lumber and timber were exported in the 1870's in sailing vessels flying the flags of Great Britain, Norway, Sweden and the United States.

The ships of Norway and Sweden carried most of the lumber to foreign ports, while most of the coastwise trade was handled by American vessels.

From 1875 to 1880, the shipments of lumber from the Port of Pascagoula averaged 45 million feet per year. In 1880 this had risen to 60 million feet per year.

In the early 1890s Pascagoula was second only to Pensacola in the number of board feet shipped from Gulfports.

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W. P. Pollock Home. Built 1854 Bought by Bob-Ingalls
Restored to original look by A. Ziegensfelder



The Longfellow House, named for the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who was believed to have written "The Building of a Ship" while a guest there, is now a tourist resort.

Chapter XVIII

Longfellow and Shortfellow

Facing Pascagoula Bay just back of the East Beach Boulevard under a clump of oak trees stands a stately old mansion of some twenty rooms, commonly known as the Longfellow House.

This old home was built back during the ante-bellum days by a wealthy slave-trader from New Orleans named Daniel Smith Graham. Captain Graham, on a trip through Pascagoula, saw the property, liked it, and bought it from the Krebs family. He then hired a contractor named William Southern to build a home in the design of Greek-revival.

Pushing out to sea again to engage in his pirating and slave-trading activities, Captain Graham left his wife Carlen in charge. She took command with the authority of a Catherine the Great. Tough and sadistic, Mrs. Graham drove her slaves relentlessly. When one retorted with a sassy answer, Mrs. Graham put him on the whipping block. Then, heating some red hot irons, she ground them into the slave's back, who afterward crawled into the woods and died. The other slaves be-

gan to hear mysterious sounds, saying it was the voice of the dead slave returning to haunt his cruel mistress. The Captain's wife then carried on her beatings in the mansion's upstairs rooms. People passing by and hearing the noises began to circulate rumors that the house was haunted, a legend that it still carries.

Captain Graham returned frequently, bringing with him loads of treasure, which treasure hunters believed he buried on the grounds and thereafter made many a secret digging. But Captain Graham mysteriously died and Mrs. Graham married again. Then her second husband divorced her and she lived alone for awhile. In the midst of these marriages, the Civil War came and Federal soldiers seized the house for use as a refuge and a hospital. But when they departed the premises, the soldiers took Mrs. Graham's possessions. Having no more slaves to beat, she married a Yankee named Watson who took her to Chicago and tried to rob her. Then Mr. Watson mysteriously died and widow Watson returned to Pascagoula, where in 1882, she sold the Graham Place to a Captain Muse, who rented it to a gentleman named Brown. Mr. Brown started an elite Episcopalian school for young ladies, many of whom scratched their names on the window panes of the third floor and may still be seen today. But Brown proved to be a renegade priest, masquerading as an Episcopalian. When this was discovered, the young ladies withdrew from the school and Brown was run out of town leaving a long string of debts.

After that, the house passed to the Delanos of Maine who bred race horses on the estate. Delano, as notorious a character as Mrs. Graham, was constantly drunk. Once a neighbor passed by just in time to save a new-born child who Delano, in his inebriated state, was dangling from the third story window.

Then the house was sold to a Captain Buskin who, it is

said, kept a young mistress in the house, taking her out to sea periodically. Captain Buskin sold the house to Arthur Conway Thornton in 1897, just before he and the young girl perished at sea. Then Thornton sold the house to Miss Anna M. H. O'Fallon of St. Louis, right before he fell down an elevator shaft and broke his neck.

In 1902, Miss O'Fallon sold out to Mrs. Marie Pollock of Greenwood, Mississippi and it thereafter became known as the Pollock House or "Bellevue." But the legends and ghost stories went on. One night Mrs. Pollock was awakened by the rattling of shutters. Alarming the household, she proceeded to the supposed source of the noise. After an intense investigation, they found nothing and retired again to their beds. Frequently during the early morning hours the Pollocks found themselves trembling at the wierd sounds and they spent a very sleepless night. The next morning they found that the "ghost" had been an old billygoat who, from time to time, would walk across the gallery bumping chairs and rattling shutters.

Mrs. Pollock's daughter married C. P. Moore and a product of this marriage is the renowned story-teller and last of the old-time Southern gentlemen, "Pie" Moore.

The Moores lived at Bellevue for many years but when old Mr. Moore died, Mrs. Moore determined to sell it. Before she made the transaction, she decided to check out the legend that pirates from Jean Lafitte to Captain Graham had buried treasure on the premises. So she and her friend, Mrs. Martin Shepard went to work. They dug up the ground in the back woods at every suspicious location but found nothing.

Then a gypsy fortune teller told her that there was a treasure hidden in the northeastern corner of the house. With pick and shovel she now began to remove the floor of the kitchen but still she found nothing. Then she took the family silver upstairs and tried using a crude metal detector to find

the precious metals. But it was to no avail. Finally she gave up and sold the home to Mayor Frank S. Canty in 1938.

A few years later Bob Ingalls came into the picture. Already he had a thriving shipyard which was visited by dignitaries the world over. But there really was no place in Pascagoula for all these distinguished Englishmen and Russians, Generals and Admirals to spend their nights. So Ingalls bought the Pollock Place and dubbed it, "The Longfellow House."

Why the Longfellow House? Well, there had always been a legend that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the New England poet, had visited Pascagoula before the Civil War, and stayed at the old Graham place and had written a poem entitled, "The Building of the Ship." In support of the legend, people would open a book of Longfellow's poems and proudly point to the lines:

"Timber of Chestnut and elm and oak
and scattered here and there with these
the knarled and crooked cedar knees
brought from regions far away
on Pascagoula's sunny bay."

There were many who scoffed at this legend. They said Longfellow had never left New England and that Walter Lewis, the editor of the Pascagoula newspaper, had dreamed up this little story in an article he wrote for the Times-Picayune in 1937. They pointed out that Longfellow's poem had been written before the house was even built so how could it be?

Actually, the dates run pretty close. It is not known when the house was actually built. Krebs still owned the land in 1847, and the house was built sometime after this. Longfellow actually did leave New England. In fact, he made at least four trips to Europe and supposedly, it was after one of these trips, in 1848, that he visited New Orleans. Whether he came on

to Pascagoula that year is not really known but the legend goes back further than Walter Lewis. In 1915, R. L. Head, superintendent of the local streetcar system, built an unusually attractive car and printed the name Longfellow on the side of it. And older citizens of that day and age talked of how Longfellow sneaked into town to visit an old sweetheart named Anne Farrington. Anne had been reared in Massachusetts but came to Pascagoula with her parents on a tour of the South. When her parents died in Mississippi, Anne remained and began corresponding with Longfellow. Perhaps it was because of Anne Farrington's letters that Longfellow learned of "Pascagoula's sunny bay."

True or not, Bob Ingalls knew a good promotion angle when he saw one. He promptly named the place, "The Longfellow House" and under that name it has attracted tourists from all over the world.

If Bob Ingalls hadn't been a "Damn Yankee," he would have named the house after whom it should have been named. For the house was definitely visited many times by the South's first great hero, General P. G. T. Beauregard, the hero of Bull Run and Fort Sumter. General Beauregard came there after the Civil War and, in fact, liked it so much that he donated the large fireplace from his own home in New Orleans.

In 1947, Ingalls decided to buy the property adjoining the east side of the Longfellow property. He dickered with the bank and tried to purchase the land from the local authorities at a price considerably lower than what the bank thought reasonable.

In the middle of the negotiations stepped the fiery little land speculator, Wash Frederic. Wash paid the bank its asking price and got the land, which enraged the equally fiery Bob Ingalls, who proceeded to give Wash a tongue-lashing.

But Wash Frederic was not one to take a tongue-lashing

sitting down. He proceeded to build a classic juke joint by the side of the Longfellow House. It was not exactly of Greek-revival design but was something more akin to tent-revival in style. It had a certain class and distinctiveness that set it apart from any structure that had yet been touched by the hand of man. And over the top was a huge sign that read derisively, "The Shortfellow House."

What angered Bob Ingalls so much was it developed into a thriving business, with its purple run and loud, honky tonk music. Furthermore, half of Ingall's employees started hanging out at the joint and cashing a great number of Ingall's checks.

Bob Ingalls threatened suit but he couldn't drum up much of a case. So he persuaded the Board of Supervisors to make a ruling that no businesses could be established on the water side of Beach Boulevard. But Wash was already there and Ingalls found that the ruling could not be made retroactive.

Eventually Wash sued Ingalls, claiming that he was being intimidated and that Ingalls was stopping payment on some of the checks being cashed at the Shortfellow House. This wasn't all. Wash had a long list of grievances, some of them being almost legitimate. But most people agreed that what Wash was suing Ingalls on was general principles.

In the meantime, the greatest hurricane since 1906, was about to hit the Gulf Coast. On the night of September 19, 1947, the full impact was thrown against the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The winds reached nearly a hundred miles an hour. At Waveland twelve people died and at Gulfport and Biloxi, several more were killed. A syndicated columnist flew over the area and described it thusly: "The industrial east side of Biloxi is destroyed as thoroughly as if attacked by fifty bombers."

All along the coastline, the waters had hammered the concrete seawall, throwing huge chunks of it up on the land.

Highways were uprooted and broken. The damage went into untold millions. But the Gulfport-Biloxi-Bay St. Louis area got the worst of it. In Pascagoula, thirty-seven homes were demolished but only one person died.

However, down on the beachfront near the Longfellow House there was a pile of rubbish scattered from one end of the Longfellow property to the other. Beer cans, broken bottles, garbage, splintered pilings, oyster shells, and pieces of chairs lay strewn all over the lawn and beach. In its brief day, it had seen the bright lights and heard the gay sounds. But on September 20, 1947, this was all that remained of the "Shortfellow House." Little Wash had been washed out.